

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

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In re	:	Chapter 9
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CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN,	:	Case No. 13-53846
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Debtor.	:	Hon. Steven W. Rhodes
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**STAY MODIFICATION NOTICE**

Date Proof of Claim        2/20/2014  
Filed:

Designated Claimant:       Yvette Spencer

Address:                    c/o Daniel Romano  
                                 Romano Law, PLLC  
                                 23880 Woodward Avenue  
                                 Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069

Proof of Claim Number:    1632

Caption of Any Pending    None  
Related Lawsuit:

Case Number:               None

Court:                        None

Co-Defendants (if any):     None

By this Stay Modification Notice, the City of Detroit ("the City") hereby provides notice that it has elected to permit the liquidation in a non-bankruptcy forum of the above-identified proof of claim ("the Claim") in the City's case ("the Chapter 9 Case") under chapter 9 of title 11 of the United States Code ("the Bankruptcy Code"), pursuant to the procedures ("the ADR Procedures") established by the Order, Pursuant to Sections 105 and 502 of the Bankruptcy Code, Approving Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures to Promote the Liquidation of Certain Prepetition Claims (Docket No. 2302) ("the ADR Order"), entered by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan ("the Bankruptcy Court") on December 24, 2013.<sup>1</sup>

Section I.A of the ADR Procedures provides that the City may designate any proof of claim timely filed in the Chapter 9 Case (other than certain "Excluded Claims") for liquidation pursuant to the ADR Procedures by serving an ADR Notice on the applicable claimant. Any proof of claim designated for liquidation through the ADR Procedures is referred to as a "Designated Claim." Section I.A of the ADR Procedures further provides that certain timely filed proofs of claim (other than Excluded Claims) (collectively, "the Initial Designated Claims") shall be deemed to be Designated Claims subject to the ADR Procedures prior to the City serving an ADR Notice on the applicable claimant.

Paragraph 9 of the ADR Order provides, however, that the City in its sole discretion (a) may elect not to send an ADR Notice to any holder of an Initial Designated Claim and (b) instead file and serve on the applicable Designated Claimant a Stay Modification Notice with respect to the Initial Designated Claim. In that event, except as provided below with respect to Multi-Party Tort Claims, immediately upon the filing of the Stay Modification Notice: (a) the automatic stay of sections 362 and 922 of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified and extended from time to time by orders of the Bankruptcy Court ("the Stay"); or (b) any similar injunction (together with the Stay, "the Stay/Injunction") that may be imposed upon the confirmation or effectiveness of a plan of adjustment of debts confirmed in the City's chapter 9 case (a "Chapter 9 Plan") is deemed modified with respect to the applicable Initial Designated Claim solely to permit the liquidation of the claim in a non-bankruptcy forum.

Certain Designated Claims (each, a "Multi-Party Tort Claim") arise out of personal injury actions (a) asserted concurrently against the City and one or more current or former members of the Detroit Fire Fighters Association, the

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the ADR Order.

Detroit Police Officers Association, the Detroit Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Association or the Detroit Police Command Officers Association (each such member, a "Public Safety Union Member") and (b) with respect to which, the applicable Public Safety Union Member seeks related defense costs and/or an indemnification claim from the City (any such Public Safety Union Member, an "Indemnification Claimant," and any such claim, an "Indemnification Claim"). Concurrently with the filing of a Stay Modification Notice for a Multi-Party Tort Claim, the City shall serve a copy of the ADR Notice of the Public Safety Unions and on any related Indemnification Claimant known to the City. Pursuant to paragraph 9 of the ADR Order, solely in the case of Multi-Party Tort Claims, the Stay/Injunction is not deemed modified immediately upon the filing of the Stay Modification Notice. Instead, the Stay/Injunction is deemed modified with respect to the Multi-Party Tort Claim and any related Indemnification Claims 35 days after the filing of the Stay Modification Notice unless the Public Safety Unions or the applicable Indemnification Claimant(s) file a Stay Preservation Motion. If a Stay Preservation Motion is filed, then the Court will determine whether relief from the Stay/Injunction is appropriate with respect to the Multi-Party Tort Claim pursuant to the standards set forth in section 362(d) of the Bankruptcy Code. The City believes that the Claim **does not constitute** a Multi-Party Tort Claim.

Upon modification of the Stay/Injunction as a result of the filing and service of a Stay Modification Notice, the liquidation of each applicable Initial Designated Claim shall proceed in either: (a) the non-bankruptcy forum in which the Initial Designated Claim was pending on the Petition Date, if any, subject to the City's right to seek removal or transfer of venue or other procedural relief; or (b) if the Initial Designated Claim was not pending in any forum on the Petition Date, then in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan or such other non-bankruptcy forum selected by you that (i) has personal jurisdiction over the parties, (ii) has subject matter jurisdiction over the claim, (iii) has in rem jurisdiction over the property involved in the Initial Designated Claim (if applicable) and (iv) is a proper venue.

**The City has reviewed the Claim and has elected, pursuant to paragraph 9 of the ADR Procedures, to permit the liquidation of the Claim in a non-bankruptcy forum. Note that, if you do not promptly proceed with the prosecution of the Claim in the applicable non-bankruptcy forum, the City reserves its right to seek appropriate relief from the non-bankruptcy forum or the Bankruptcy Court, including, without limitation, the disallowance and expungement of the Claim.** A copy of this Stay Modification Notice may be filed with the non-bankruptcy court in which the Claim is to be liquidated as notice of

the lifting of the Stay/Injunction to permit the applicable non-bankruptcy forum to adjudicate the liquidation of the Claim for purposes of the Chapter 9 Case.

Following liquidation of the Claim, whether by settlement or final judgment, you will receive an allowed general unsecured non-priority claim against the City, in the liquidated amount of the claim, that will be treated in accordance with the terms of any Chapter 9 Plan, and not a full cash payment of the liquidated amount of the Claim. For the avoidance of doubt, pursuant to paragraph 10 of the ADR Order, all proceedings against the City (or any Indemnification Claimant) relating to the Claim following the liquidation of the Claim shall remain subject to the Stay/Injunction, absent further order of the Bankruptcy Court.

If necessary, any disputes regarding the application of the foregoing terms, conditions and limitations, the ADR Procedures or the ADR Order shall be determined by the Bankruptcy Court; provided that disputes about the jurisdiction of a matter presented to a non-bankruptcy court may be determined by such court.

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Dated: September 22, 2014

### **PROOF OF SERVICE**

I certify that on September 22, 2014, I electronically filed the foregoing paper with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system, which will send notification of such filing and a copy of the pleading to all counsel of record through e-mail correspondence, and I also e-mailed this Stay Modification Notice to Claimant's counsel, Daniel Romano, at [dromano@romanolawpllc.com](mailto:dromano@romanolawpllc.com), and mailed this notice to Mr. Romano at 23880 Woodward Avenue, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

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